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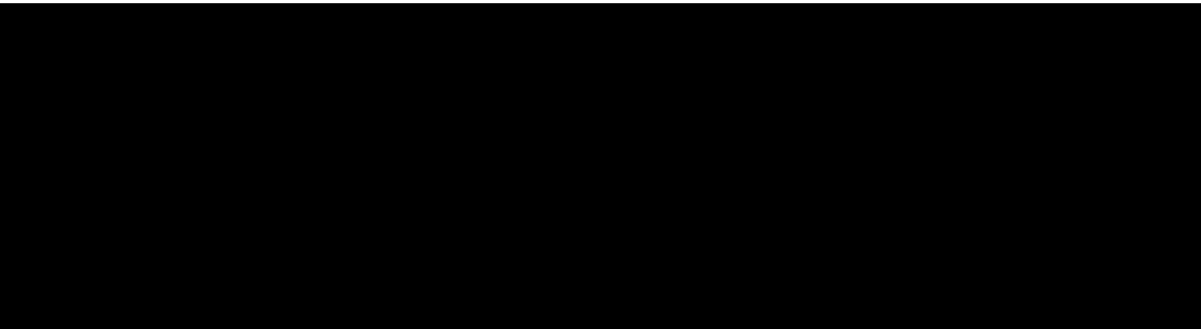
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1. Two days after Thailand recognized Bao Dai's regime in Vietnam, the Thai authorities verbally requested the Viet Minh-controlled Vietnam News Service in Bangkok to remove its signboard.
2. The Thai authorities stated that the News Service could continue to issue its daily bulletins. They indicated that the purpose of the order was merely to make the people, especially the foreigners in Thailand, less conscious of the existence of the News Service.
3. While the pro-Bao Dai group in Thailand is pleased with the move, the Viet Minh leaders are quite concerned, particularly over the loss of prestige which will result.

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